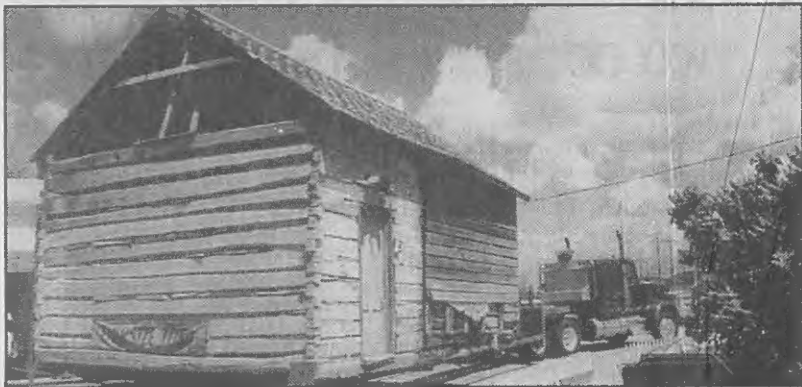


A 'Village' of delights awaits you at the Gardner Mill

Today, Gardner Village in West Jordan is reminiscent of the once-bustling, early Utah mill industry and history. Close your eyes and imagine a large grist mill, mattress factory, broom factory, blacksmith shop and general store. What remains today — the Gardner Mill — is the legacy of Archibald Gardner, an industrious pioneer and devoutly religious man.

Gardner was one of the original settlers of Utah in 1847, when the first wave of pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. He had gained experience building mills in Canada and built his first Utah mills in the Cottonwood area. In the early 1850s, Gardner and his family began establishing the roots of an industrious hub on the west side of the Jordan River. Logs were hauled by horse teams from the Bingham Canyon to build the first West Jordan flour mill in 1853. A second mill replaced the first in 1877 and still stands today.

The mill and surrounding property passed to other owners and eventually became vacant. In 1979, Nancy Long bought the mill to convert it into a house, but her retail experience and entrepre-



Historic buildings were actually brought on trucks from locations around the Salt Lake Valley in order to form Gardner Historic Village.

neurial spirit prompted her to turn it into a furniture store, Country Furniture & Gifts, which opened in the mid-1980s. Her dream of having a restaurant in the old mill came true in 1990 with the opening of the popular Archibald's. The eatery just expanded with 42 new seats in an area known as Archie's Room.

Since then, Long and her husband, Chris Christenson, son, Joe Long, and a hard-working staff, have found historic buildings, and moved them to the Gardner property to re-create a village complete with a stream running through it and a series of connect-

ing pathways and covered bridges.

The historic buildings now house the Gardner Museum and more than 15 specialty shops. The museum contains mementos; artifacts; fascinating early-Utah history items; curiosities; and information.

The Museum provides a portrait of Archibald Gardner's life, as a mill builder and developer, early Utah pioneer, and faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Maps, photographs and items from the lives of Gardner and his family give a picture of the early days of Utah's history and development.

Foothill Oriental Rugs spans two countries, two cultures

Jim Webber, owner of Foothill Oriental Rugs, spends two months a year in India, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Turkey, where he literally hand-selects every rug and kelim in his inventory.

"Almost every rug dealer in the country buys from wholesalers in New York, but I love to travel," Webber said. "Also, over the years I have developed

such good contacts that I get to 'cherry pick' the best rugs before they ever make it into the normal distribution pipeline. It's not very often that you get a better, more unique product for less money, but my direct buying enables me to give this to my customers." It's a common cliché to talk about cutting out the middle-man, but in Foothill Oriental Rugs' case, it's a reality.



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